

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sterilization indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises:

at least one salt of a transition metal;

at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to [a sterilant] hydrogen peroxide and/or peracetic acid; and

at least one binder resin;

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal and the at least one colorant are selected to indicate the presence of hydrogen peroxide and/or peracetic acid; and

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal is not the at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide and/or peracetic acid.

2. (Original) The sterilization indicator of claim 1, wherein the transition metal is selected from the group consisting of Group VIB, Group VIII, and Group IB transition metals, and combinations thereof.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The sterilization indicator of claim 1, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Xanthene, Oxazine, Cyanine, Anthraquinone, Benzodifuranone, Styryl, Phthalocyanine, Quinophthalone, Nitro, and Nitroso colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red

15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

5. (Original) The sterilization indicator of claim 1, wherein the indicator composition further comprises at least one colorant that does not change color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide.

6. (Currently Amended) A hydrogen peroxide indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises:

at least one salt of a transition metal;

at least one colorant selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Xanthene, Oxazine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof; and

at least one binder resin;

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal and the at least one colorant are selected to indicate the presence of hydrogen peroxide; and

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal is not the at least one colorant.

7. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 6, wherein the indicator composition further comprises at least one colorant that does not change color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor.

8. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 6, wherein the salt of a transition metal is selected from the group consisting of a copper salt, a cobalt salt, an iron salt, a chromium salt, and combinations thereof.

9. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 8, wherein the indicator comprises at least one iron salt.

10. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 9, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Patent blue violet, Alkali blue 4B, Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Cibacron brilliant red 3B, Chromotrope 2B, Amaranth, D&C red No. 33, Bordeaux R, Acid violet 7, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth B, Acid blue 113, Acid red 151, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Brilliant crocein MOO, Ponceau SS, Reactive black 5, Arsenazo 111, Direct blue 71, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Methylene green, Sulforhodamine B, Rhodanine 6G, Violamine R, Nile blue A, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Basic red 15, Alizarin violet 3R, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 10, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Cibacron brilliant red 3B, Chromotrope 2B, D&C red No. 33, Acid violet 7, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth B, Acid blue 113, Acid red 151, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Brilliant crocein MOO, Ponceau SS, Reactive black 5, Arsenazo 111, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Methylene green, Sulforhodamine B, Rhodanine 6G, Violamine R, Nile blue A, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Basic red 15, Alizarin violet 3R, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) A hydrogen peroxide indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises:

at least one salt of cobalt, copper, chromium, and combinations thereof;

at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor; and

at least one binder resin;

wherein the at least one salt of cobalt, copper, chromium, and combinations thereof, and the at least one colorant are selected to indicate the presence of hydrogen peroxide; and

wherein the at least one salt of cobalt, copper, chromium, and combinations thereof, is not the at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor.

13. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 12, wherein the salt is selected from the group consisting of cobalt chloride, cobalt acetate, cupric chloride, cupric sulfate, cupric acetate, chromium potassium sulfate, and combinations thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 12, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Cyanine, Xanthene, Oxazine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

15. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 12, wherein the indicator composition further comprises at least one colorant that does not change color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor.

16. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 12, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one cobalt salt.

17. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 16, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Oxazine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof.

18. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 16, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Patent blue violet, Aniline blue, Erioglaucine, Arsenazo 1, Acid blue 92, Eriochrome blue black B, Congo red, Acid blue 29, Nile blue A, Reactive blue 2, Basic red 15, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

19. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 12, wherein the indicator comprises at least one copper salt.

20. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 19, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Xanthene, Oxazine, Cyanine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 20, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Patent blue violet, Guinea green B, Coomassie violet R 150, Mordant brown 48, Chromotrope 2B, D&C red No. 33, Bordeaux R, Acid violet 7, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth, Acid red 151, Acid blue 29, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Brilliant crocein MOO, Ponceau SS, Reactive black 5, Arsenazo 111, Direct blue 71, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet

3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Azure B, Methylene green, Sulforhodamine B, Rhodanine 6G, Violamine R, Nile blue A, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Quinaldine red, Basic red 15, Alizarin violet 3R, Reactive blue 2, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, Fast green FCF, and combinations thereof.

22. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 20, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Xanthene, Oxazine, and Cyanine colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 22, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Coomassie violet R 150, Mordant brown 48, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth, Acid red 151, Acid blue 29, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Arsenazo 111, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Methylene green, Rhodanine 6G, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Quinaldine red, Basic red 15, Reactive blue 2, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

24. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 12, wherein the indicator comprises at least one chromium salt.

25. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 24, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, and Cyanine colorants, and combinations thereof.

26. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 25, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Ethyl violet, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Congo red, Acid blue 113, Quinaldine red, and combinations thereof.

27. (Original) The hydrogen peroxide indicator of claim 26, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Ethyl violet, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Acid blue 113, Quinaldine red, and combinations thereof.

28. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A peracetic acid indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises:

at least one salt of a transition metal;

at least one colorant selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo and Diazo colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants; and

at least one binder resin;

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal and the at least one colorant are selected to indicate the presence of peracetic acid; and

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal is not the at least one colorant.

29. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 28, wherein the indicator composition further comprises at least one colorant that does not change color when exposed to peracetic acid.

30. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A peracetic acid indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises:

at least one salt of copper, cobalt, and combinations thereof;

at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to peracetic acid; and

at least one binder resin;

wherein the at least one salt of copper, cobalt, and combinations thereof, and the at least one colorant are selected to indicate the presence of peracetic acid; and

wherein the at least one salt of copper, cobalt, and combinations thereof, is not the at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to peracetic acid.

31. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 30, wherein the indicator composition further comprises at least one colorant that does not change color when exposed to peracetic acid.

32. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 30, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one copper salt.

33. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 32, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo and Diazo colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap-fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

34. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 33, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Acid violet 7, Evans blue, Naphthol blue black, Reactive black 5, Brilliant black BN, Azocarmine B, and combinations thereof.

35. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 30, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one cobalt salt.

36. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 35, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo and Diazo colorants, and combinations thereof.

37. (Withdrawn) The peracetic acid indicator of claim 36, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Cibacron brilliant red 3B, Evans blue, Reactive black 5, Brilliant black BN, and combinations thereof.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a sterilization process, the method comprising:
 providing an indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition comprising:
 at least one salt of a transition metal;
 at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to a sterilant; and
 at least one binder resin;
 providing an article to be sterilized; and
 exposing the indicator and the article to be sterilized to a sterilant;
 wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal is not the at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to a sterilant.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a hydrogen peroxide sterilization process, the method comprising:
 providing a hydrogen peroxide indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition comprising:
 at least one salt of a transition metal;

at least one colorant selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Cyanine, Xanthene, Oxazine, Anthraquinone, Benzodifuranone, Styryl, Phthalocyanine, Quinophthalone, Nitro, and Nitroso colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof; and

at least one binder resin;

providing an article to be sterilized; and

exposing the hydrogen peroxide indicator and the article to be sterilized to hydrogen peroxide vapor;

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal is not the at least one colorant.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the salt of a transition metal is selected from the group consisting of cupric chloride, ferrous chloride, cobalt chloride, cobalt acetate, cupric sulfate, ferrous sulfate, chromium potassium sulfate, cupric acetate, and combinations thereof.

41. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the indicator composition further comprises at least one colorant that does not change color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor.

42. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a hydrogen peroxide sterilization process, the method comprising:

providing a hydrogen peroxide indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition comprising:

at least one salt of copper, chromium, iron, cobalt, and combinations thereof;

at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor;

and

at least one binder resin;

providing an article to be sterilized; and

exposing the hydrogen peroxide indicator and the article to be sterilized to hydrogen peroxide vapor;

wherein the at least one salt of copper, chromium, iron, cobalt, and combinations thereof, is not the at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to hydrogen peroxide vapor.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Cyanine, Xanthene, Oxazine, Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

44. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one cobalt salt.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Oxazine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof.

46. (Original) The method of claim 44, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Patent blue violet, Aniline blue, Erioglaucine, Arsenazo 1, Acid blue 92, Eriochrome blue black B, Congo red, Acid blue 29, Nile blue A, Reactive blue 2, Basic red 15, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

47. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one copper salt.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Xanthene, Oxazine, Cyanine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro-green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Patent blue violet, Guinea green B, Coomassie violet R 150, Mordant brown 48, Chromotrope 2B, D&C red No. 33, Bordeaux R, Acid violet 7, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth, Acid red 151, Acid blue 29, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Brilliant crocein MOO, Ponceau SS, Reactive black 5, Arsenazo 111, Direct blue 71, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Azure B, Methylene green, Sulforhodamine B, Rhodanine 6G, Violamine R, Nile blue A, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Quinaldine red, Basic red 15, Alizarin violet 3R, Reactive blue 2, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro-green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, Fast green FCF, and combinations thereof.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Coomassie violet R 150, Mordant brown 48, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth, Acid red 151, Acid blue 29, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Arsenazo 111, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Methylene green, Rhodanine 6G, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB,

Quinaldine red, Basic red 15, Reactive blue 2, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

51. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one iron salt.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, Triazo, Diazine, Thiazine, Cyanine, Xanthene, Oxazine, and Anthraquinone colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Patent blue violet, Alkali blue 4B, Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Alphazurine A, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Cibacron brilliant red 3B, Chromotrope 2B, Amaranth, D&C red No. 33, Bordeaux R, Acid violet 7, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth B, Acid blue 113, Acid red 151, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Brilliant crocein MOO, Ponceau SS, Reactive black 5, Arsenazo 111, Direct blue 71, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Methylene green, Sulforhodamine B, Rhodanine 6G, Violamine R, Nile blue A, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Quinaldine red, Basic red 15, Alizarin violet 3R, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Victoria pure blue BO, Acid fuchsin sodium salt, Alphazurine A, Methyl

violet 2B, Ethyl violet, FD/C blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Lissamine green B, Erioglaucine, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Cibacron brilliant red 3B, Chromotrope 2B, D&C red No. 33, Acid violet 7, Acid violet 5, Plasmocorinth B, Acid blue 113, Acid red 151, Acid black 24, Acid red 97, Direct red 75, Brilliant crocein MOO, Ponceau SS, Reactive black 5, Arsenazo 111, Azocarmine G, Methylene violet 3RAX, Toluidine blue O, Methylene green, Sulforhodamine B, Rhodanine 6G, Violamine R, Nile blue A, Basic blue 3, Brilliant cresyl blue BB, Basic red 15, Alizarin violet 3R, Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, Basic red 14, D&C green No. 5, and combinations thereof.

55. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the indicator composition comprises a chromium salt.

56. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Methane, Monoazo, Diazo, and Cyanine colorants, and combinations thereof.

57. (Original) The method of claim 55, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Ethyl violet, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Congo red, Acid blue 113, Quinaldine red, and combinations thereof.

58. (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Ethyl violet, Eriochrome black T, Eriochrome blue black B, Acid blue 113, Quinaldine red, and combinations thereof.

59. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a peracetic acid sterilization process, the method comprising:

providing a peracetic acid indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition comprising:

at least one salt of a transition metal;

at least one colorant selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo, Diazo, Benzodifuranone, Styryl, Phthalocyanine, Quinophthalone, Nitro, and Nitroso colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof; and

at least one binder resin;

providing an article to be sterilized; and

exposing the peracetic acid indicator and the article to be sterilized to liquid peracetic acid;

wherein the at least one salt of a transition metal is not the at least one colorant.

60. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 59 wherein the salt of a transition metal is selected from the group consisting of cupric acetate, cobalt acetate, cupric sulfate, and combinations thereof.

61. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a peracetic acid sterilization process, the method comprising:

providing a peracetic acid indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition comprising:

at least one salt of copper, cobalt, and combinations thereof;

at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to liquid peracetic acid; and

at least one binder resin;

providing an article to be sterilized; and

exposing the peracetic acid indicator and the article to be sterilized to liquid peracetic acid;

wherein the at least one salt of copper, cobalt, and combinations thereof, is not the at least one colorant that changes color when exposed to liquid peracetic acid.

62. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The method of claim 61, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo and Diazo colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

63. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 61, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one copper salt.

64. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The method of claim 63, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo and Diazo colorants, and combinations thereof, and/or a colorant selected from the group consisting of Victoria green S extra, Basic blue 41, Basic red 15, Acid green AX986, ~~Keystone soap fluoro green~~, and Basic red 14 colorants, and combinations thereof.

65. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 63, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Acid violet 7, Evans blue, Naphthol blue black, Reactive black 5, Brilliant black BN, Azocarmine B, and combinations thereof.

66. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 61, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one cobalt salt.

67. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 66, wherein the colorant is selected from the group of classes of colorants consisting of Monoazo and Diazo colorants, and combinations thereof.

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68. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 66, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of Cibacron brilliant red 3B, Evans blue, Reactive black 5, Brilliant black BN, and combinations thereof.